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450117-03755**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-13 are currently pending. Claim 1 is independent and is hereby amended. No new matter has been introduced. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification as originally filed.

Changes to the claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

The specification is amended to address and satisfy the Examiner's objections.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-13 were rejected because the term, "in the neighborhood of" is a relative term and allegedly indefinite. Claims 1, 7 and 8 are amended to recite, "... having a value or values being 0 with respect to a given threshold value ..."

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Claims 4, 10 and 11 were rejected because the phrase, "or the like" is allegedly indefinite.

Claims 4, 10 and 11 have been amended.

Claim 5 was rejected because in the phrase, "in particular each of which being assigned to a certain frequency interval" it was allegedly unclear to what the pronoun "which" referred.

Claim 5 is amended to clarify the reference.

III. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims are dependent from one of the claims discussed above and are therefore believed to be consistent with 35 U.S.C. 112.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-13 are in condition for allowance. In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference, or references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference, or references, providing the basis for a contrary view.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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